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THE OLD FARM IS MECHANIZED NOW

The large gathering here Saturday to attend the formal opening of Appomattox Truck & Tractor, Inc., focuses local attention upon one of the major trends of our times: the mechanization of the farm. Farm equipment and mechanical equipment at that, has become one of the greatest businesses of the country.

We have no correct figures on the number of tractors, for example, in use on Appomattox County farms. But we have been told the number is nearer 1,000 than 500. A great outlay of money is involved. And we know of farms without a tractor on a horse or a mule! One past era is referred to as the "horse and buggy" age. The automobile did away with that. We can now refer to the "horse and plow" age as being on the rapid decline, too; and the modern tractor is responsible for that.

It is only with that Appomattox farmers have modern machines for their work. It is our wish that these machines be sold for during current prosperous times. It is our wish that the farmer's home be as modern as that of any other class of citizen. And all of these wishes are being realized day by day.

The moving hand of time will write the history of our generation, but all indications are that one of the most important chapters in the history will be the record of what happened on Southern farms!

SCHOOL DAYS

We have a secret notion that the school children are glad to get back to the classroom today. Vacations are wonderful things, but early in life one learns that true happiness is not to be found in extended idleness. The thrills of school closing in June are soon followed by anticipation of September's opening. And not just the children. The reopening of school quickens the tempo of life throughout the community. School opening is indeed a red letter date on the calendar. And so we extend greetings and best wishes for a successful session. There is work to be done; let's get on with it!

LONG-RANGE GOALS FOR THE COMMUNITY

There are a number of citizens here who would like to see Appomattox offer the public some sort of pageant or unique celebration each year. They feel that it would do much to advertise the community, and would be reflected in increased attention to the natural and historical attractions here.

In many sections of America, especially in the western states, these community celebrations are growing in favor. Some draw tremendous crowds. And the success of "The Common Glory" and "The Lost Colony" are an inspiration to those who approve of like projects.

The Times-Virginian has long felt that this was a splendid idea. But we have been unable to solve two problems: just what to have, and how to finance it. We would certainly hasten to approve anything not worthy of the dignity and historic importance of the proud name this town and county bears. And we recall that even good ideas can be run into the ground, as witness the abuse of the post-season football games in a multiplicity of meaningless "bowls."

We must swallow our pride and concede that Appomattox has limited physical accomodations available for large gatherings. What we do have is of acceptable standard, but lack the sheer volume. We are improving each year in this item, and the time may come when we actively seek expansion of the influx of visitors.

An active chamber of commerce would be an asset to our community. Perhaps the best way to get one an Appomattox County farms. But we have been told the number is nearer 1,000 than 500. A great outlay of money is involved. And we know of farms without a tractor on a horse or a mule! One past era is referred to as the "horse and buggy" age. The automobile did away with that. We can now refer to the "horse and plow" age as being on the rapid decline, too; and the modern tractor is responsible for that.

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WITH OTHER EDITORS

CONCERNING U. S. OF EUROPE

(From Winchester Star)

This newspaper concurs wholeheartedly in General Eisenhower's public assertion this week that he is "very hopeful that many of our problems would disappear if Western Europe were a federal union. I believe it so strongly," General Eisenhower continued, "that I do not believe that real security is going to be felt in the United States, in the British Empire and other nations of the globe until that comes about."

The soundness of General Eisenhower's statement seems to us apparent. But the important question is this: What the chances of welding Western Europe into an United States of Europe? In our opinion, the chances in the near future are not very good.

In Continental Europe age - old jealousies, border disputes, language barriers, inertia, and inherent fears are a long way from being overcome to the extent that an united Europe appears probable in the foreseable future. One important evidence of this is the coolness with which General Eisenhower himself was received by the British in his July 4 speech, when he emphasized the importance of an United States of Europe. The British government was undisguisedly cool to this popular hero; and even Mr. Churchill, who himself has frequently advocated such a course, was guarded in his comment on the Eisenhower speech.

An United States of Europe is a noble dream and one which in time will be achieved. But it seems likely that that time is a long way off.

Williamsburg entertains the Lord Mayor of London.

UN is asked to take action on cartels.

Entry from New York City wins "Mrs. America" title.

Many leaders favor a super air force as best way to halt Red aggression.

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

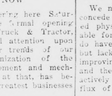
BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:49-50; Acts 11: 22-30; 15:1-35; I Corinthians 1:10-13; II Corinthians 8:1-5; Philippians 1:15-18.
DEVOTIONAL READING: John 15: 1-17.

Churches Unite

Lesson for September 16, 1951

MORE THAN 200 different denominations of the Christian church exist in the United States alone. Several of these claim to be the one and only "true" church, but even those that do not make this claim are sufficiently pleased with themselves to stay on as separate denominations. Some Christians find this division of Christendom a scandal and a sin. Others find it the glory of Protestant Christianity that it has freedom and room for so many varieties of Christian faith. Has the Bible anything to say about this?



Dr. Foreman

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The Mother of All Churches

You will not find such words as "denomination" in the New Testament. Such words as Episcopalian, Lutheran, Baptist (referring to a church), Presbyterian, Mennonite, Roman Catholic, or other modern tags, are not to be found in the Scriptures.

All the same, our lesson passages give us some important suggestions. Luke tells how horrified the disciples were at discovering some one not of their own organization, doing good work in Jesus' name. They would have stopped him; but Jesus said, "He that is not against us is for us."

That is a good way to think about other Christian churches. The story in Acts 11 tells how churches in the earliest times helped one another in various ways. II Cor. 9 shows how the good example of one church can be a challenge to others to do still better.

As that Jerusalem meeting handed down a decision affecting many congregations and persons, so now the findings and decisions of great bodies of churches have a weight and an importance far beyond what might be said by single congregations. That council was the mother of all councils as the New Testament church was the mother of all churches.

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All Christians Are Brothers

IN HIS first letter to that problem-church of Corinth, their first pastor Paul urges the different parties in the church to remember above all that they are Christ's people rather than any one's else. The name of Christ is far more important than any of our denominational labels.

In his letter to the Philippians Paul says an even more striking thing. "I know that some are preaching Christ out of jealousy, to annoy me . . . but what does it matter? The fact remains that Christ is being preached, whether sincerely or not, and that fact makes me very happy."

In America today we are beginning to catch the New Testament spirit. Taking the situation as a whole, there is more get-together-ness than fly-apart-ness among the churches. Cooperation is taking many forms. Locally in communities, or in state - wide interdenominational associations, or on a national scale, churches are doing together what separate churches or denominations would find difficult or impossible.

Besides recent large mergers of denominations such as the union of Methodists north and south, the Evangelical United Brethren, the Evangelical and Reformed, and Congregational - Christian, there are many other groupings of like-minded churches, pooling their resources for evangelism, education, missionary work and many other purposes.

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Message to the People

THE largest and most impressive get-togethers are the National Council of Churches of Christ in America which includes every large American denomination but two; and the great World Council of Churches with member-churches in every Christian land.

These words from the first message of the National Council to the people of America ring out the spirit of unity growing today: "This council has been constituted by 29 churches for the glory of God and the well-being of humanity. It manifests our oneness in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Savior; his is the mandate we obey and his the power on which we rely. Our hope is in him. In him we see the solution of the world's ills. The Council itself is a demonstration of his power to unite his followers in joyous cooperation."

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Fall Fishing Best of The Year

Anglers visiting Virginia in the autumn find the best fishing of the year. This is especially true for those who prefer the fresh-water varieties, with certain species of salt-water fish, notably the striped bass, the angling is superlative up to and even beyond Christmas.

Bass, pickerel, bream, perch and other native game fish are on the prowl in the fall. They follow an instinct which prompts them to feed heavily and store up sustenance for the oncoming winter. Spring fishing is fine, but fall fishing is far better. Trout fishing in the mountain streams is excellent until September 15 when the legal season closes.

Words cannot be found to describe the glories of Virginia's countryside in the fall. Nowhere are the gorgeous colors of autumn foliage more beautiful than when reflected from the surface of clear waters throughout the late months of the year. Virginia's innumerable streams and lakes are almost invariably as clear as crystal. Fortunately, this also is the very best season of the year for angling, according to the Virginia Travel Council.

There is not a spot in the state where one finds bedding which is not within easy reach of pretty streams and public ponds where trophies in the fall is copiously supplied. In the higher altitudes the smallmouth bass and all kindred of the colder waters furnish sport for thousands of anglers and it has often been said that the waters of Shenandoah National Park afford fishing for Yellowstone Park and other western parks. Fishing for all of these varieties is at its best in the autumn.

Of particular interest to the salt-water angler who visits Virginia late in the year is the striped bass, or rockfish as the fish is called locally. Scientists trustees state that per haps 80 per cent of all the stripers along the Atlantic seaboard are spawned in Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. About 10 per cent of the migrate northward in the summer and furnish the famous fishing for this species along the Jersey, New York and New England coasts. These migrants return in the early fall and join the myriads of striped bass already in Chesapeake Bay, creating a concentration unknown anywhere else.

The fish lie around the mouths of Virginia's rivers, especially the Potomac and the Rappahannock, all through the winter. Then, when the waters warm in the spring, they go into the fresh-water streams to deposit their eggs. As late in winter as it is possible to fish for stripers without having lines freeze in guides the fish are there for the angler to take. Magnificent catches are made in the early fall every year.

When cold weather is late in setting in, cobia, channel bass, 2blueish and other fine game fish linger in the bay and afford excellent fishing. But the striped bass fishing may always be counted upon. In fact, it is one of the most appealing angling situations to be found anywhere. The fish are always present in great numbers and are ravenously hungry.

DESTRUCTIVE DOVE FOUND IN VIRGINIA

According to I. T. Quinn, executive secretary of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, the epidemic which has been highly destructive to doves, especially in Alabama, has now been recognized in Virginia.

A specimen of a diseased dove, from Arlington County, was sent to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Laboratory at Laurel, Maryland, where the diagnosis was positively identified.

This epidemic in the mourning dove apparently produces an enlargement of the glands of the throat, and the bird succumbs due to its inability to obtain food.

MORE SMOKING

(From Bartton Post)

With Americans smoking more cigarettes than ever before, governments show that is was immediately after the start of the Korean war in June, 1950, that the consumption of cigarettes leaped ahead of any figures ever set before. They tie the increased use of cigarettes directly to the tension connected with war and its defence buildup. Last year Americans smoked over 370,000,000,000 cigarettes, an all-time record, but when the war got under way, the use jumped 8 per cent, so that all indications are this year will set another record. The cigarette industry truly one of the greatest in country, when one considers the sons involved in the production distribution of so many cigarettes one year.

HIGHWAY WAYSIDES

That Virginia's highway wayside and picnic areas are popular is obvious from their daily use, but this week the State Highway Department had some additional proof of how much they are wanted and needed.

A story about them appeared in "Bring Your Lunch" in a New York newspaper brought many hundred requests for State highway maps. The little story was said, "There is no need to worry about where to stop for food when traveling along the highways in Virginia. You just bring along your own."

The article then mentioned that Virginia has some 50 wayside areas, 800 small picnic spots scattered along the highways, with the new areas shown on the State highway maps. Requests for the maps flood in.

More than an estimated million visitors stopped at the wayside and shaded picnic tables last year, and the larger areas accomodate as many as 50,000 counted visitors each.

Safety is the main reason for highway wayside, engineers say, the areas provide safe parking places for breaking a long journey or picnicking.

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Rocks

Rocks, Sept. 10.- Labor Day passed off quietly around here.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter, of Norfolk and Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Jones and children, of Newport News were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Annie Baldwin spent last Monday with Mrs. Glenn S Martin, of Evergreen.

The Rocks, W. M. U. was represented at the associational meeting of Spring Creek Church Tuesday.

School bells will start ringing Thursday.

Senator Faye and Harry Lindsey Jamison will start for the first time when school opens Thursday.

Mrs. D. W. Dinkins spent Wednesday night with Mrs. D. R. Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ransone and children spent Thursday at Arnsert with Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ransone's daughter.

The Rocks Home Demonstration Club had its September meeting with Mrs. Ebony Wilson and Mrs. Maude Ransone Thursday night. A large crowd was out.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and children left Friday for Bristol, Tenn., to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ransone and children for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Johnny Dale were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Gowin, of Lynchburg Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and Johnny Stanley and Sandra were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach, of Lynchburg, Saturday night.

Mrs. Bessie Carter, of West Virginia is spending a few days with her brother, L. K. Almond.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McGhee, of Norfolk spent the week-end with O. E. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder and Mrs. Rowe W. Ramsey at the Midway Church near Red House on Sunday afternoon.

Annie Baldwin spent Friday night with her aunt, Mrs. J. Henry Wilkerson, of Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and Mrs. Sterra, of Waynesboro spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Sept. 11.- We are so happy to have some cool weather, after so much extremely hot and dry weather.

Joe Wheeler and son, Dan, of Amherst spent Sunday with his brother, Irby, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor and Mrs. Lula Taylor spent Sunday with relatives at Burkeville, Va.

Virgil Carson, of Roanoke spent last week with his brother, Lester and Mrs. Carson.

Miss Mary Frances Jennings, of Charlottesville spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jennings.

Crawford and Tom Davidson, Miss Kate and Miss Annie T. Davidson and Mrs. J. R. Horsley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Burrell.

Mrs. O. R. Turnes, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick; Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moore, Lyle Thomas, Mrs. C. M. Stratton and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell attended the fourth quarterly conference at Mt. Comfort Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and family visited her mother, Mrs. T. M. Martin last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Royal Harding, Jr., and baby, of Norfolk, spent last week with his father, W. R. Harding, Sr.

Oscar Baker, of Richmond visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson last week.

Miss Elsie Thornhill has returned to her school at Waynesboro for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamilton at Amherst last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant visited her aunt, Mrs. Jennie Herndon in the Lynchburg Hospital last Sunday. She is improving and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The W. M. S. of Hebron Church met in the home of Mrs. Irby Wheeler on last Wednesday, with a small attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick Sunday.

Richwood

Richwood, Sept. 11.- "You and I cannot determine what other men shall think and say about us. We can determine only what they ought to think of us and say about us, and we do this only by acting squarely up to our convictions."
—Quoted.

Divine services at the Central Baptist Church at 3 P.M. Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pillow and daughter, of Lynchburg were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pillow.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Marsh at Rocks Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary Moore has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore. She returned to Lynchburg Sunday.

Miss Rosa Shupe and Ruth and Bobby and Miss Marvis Wooldridge were in Lynchburg on business on Monday.

Earl Williams and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Miss Rosa Shupe was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woolridge and daughter, Marvis, Sunday.

E. R. Davis and son and Atwell Powell were the guests on Sunday afternoon of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh Monday afternoon.

Oakville

Oakville, Sept. 12.- School is opening this week. We want to welcome back our old teachers, and the new ones too.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of Appomattox Circuit was held at Mt. Comfort Church Sunday, September 9, with dinner served by the ladies of that church. A large crowd was present and the reports were good.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams and children, of Clifax, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Branch Coleman, of Spout Spring Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and family and Mrs. E. B. Martin spent Sunday at Boone's Mill with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bussey, Jr. Other visitors in this home in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Frances Comer, who lived at Oakville at one time.

Miss Mary Ellen Moore returned last week from Wesleyan, where she spent a week of sight-seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard and on spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Drinkard.

Mrs. Clarke Moore entertained in honor of her neice, Miss Lucille Coleman on Tuesday night, September 12. Miss Coleman will be married to Clarke Lewis on Saturday, September 15, at the Mt. Comfort Methodist Church. The bride-elect was presented with a crystal gift by Mrs. Moore.

Route One

Route One, Sept. 11.- Little Miss Linda Nash celebrated her sixth birthday, with a party on Saturday afternoon. There were 29 guests. After games were played, Mrs. Nash and Mrs. O'Call served them cake and ice cream.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rosser spent last week visiting friends and relatives in West Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jennings, of Stonewall visited their daughter, Mrs. Elliott Nash on Saturday evening.

Sgt. Warren Jones, who has arrived home from Korea, spent a few days last week in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Goad and daughter, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hudson Sunday.

Shirley Nash visited Christine Irby on Sunday.

Little Bette Sheron Rosser spent last week in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. J. P. Rector.

Red Cross Bloodmobile plans another visit to Appomattox.

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